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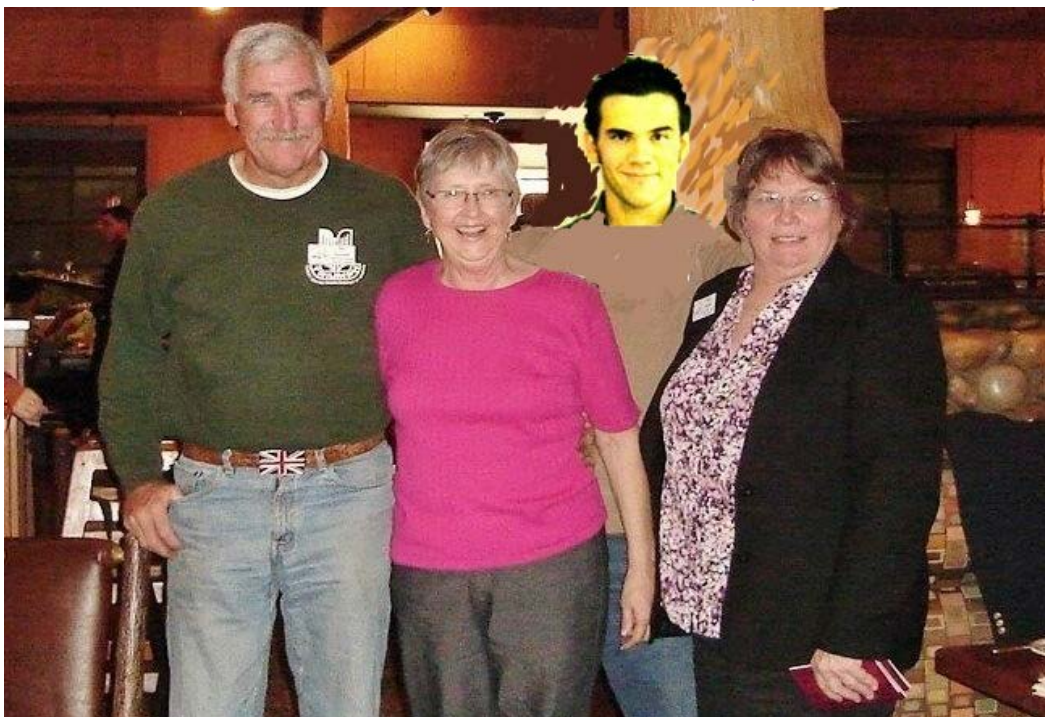
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NEXT CLUB MEETING

Tuesday, February 10, 2015

BUSINESS MEETING

Starts @ 7:00 p.m.

DENNEY'S RESTAURANT

650 N Scottsdale Road; Tempe, AZ 85281

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On the Cover: Our newly elected officers for 2015. Photo by C Montgomery.
Dave Mure' modified to insert Matt Reynolds who was not able to attend.

Prez Sez – February 2015

Stu Lasswell, President

Well, a new year is upon us, and with it a new crop of club officers. OK, it's pretty much the same bunch of officers, but there's a new president! OK, that's not really true either, in that I've been president a couple of years in the past. But it's still a new year, and I plan on it being a great one for the DCTRA!

I think that the one thing that really makes any club fun is a calendar chuck full of events, and that's one area that all members should consider part of their responsibility. If even a small percentage of the membership came up with even one event each year, we would have a full schedule! Think about what you like to do, and consider how you could make that happen. You can't just expect the activities chairman to create events for you.

Another place where the club could use some help is in having someone attend the monthly Hobbyist Council meetings. This is a duty that can be shared, so perhaps a couple of members could consider representing our interests in the council. Think about this, and maybe we can fill this need at the next meeting.

In the meantime, let's get out there and drive those Triumphs! This is the time of year when we can expect great weather, and there are lots of shows, cruises, and tours going on, so plan on participating where you can. Even driving the old Triumph to work once in a while allows you to represent the club, maybe pique someone's interest, and that could be all it takes to bring someone else into the fold. Enjoying your Triumph is the best advertising for the marque, the club, and the hobby as a whole.

Stu Lasswell

EDITOR'S DESK

George Montgomery, Editor

I'm at a loss for words for this column this month that I have not said, written or talked about either at the Election Brunch or elsewhere in this newsletter. I would however like to re-iterate Stu comment about needing one, two or three members to represent us at the Arizona Auto Hobbyist Council meetings. It doesn't have to be just one person who then gets burned out quickly. We could have two or four members that took turns attending or maybe went together. Give it some thought, please.

See you at our February meeting on the 10th!

George

Calendar of Events

Matt Reynolds

DCTRA & British Auto Events 2015

7th-Concours in the Hills-Fountain Hills

7th-Motoring Thru Time-Heritage Square-Phoenix

10th-DCTRA Meeting

15th-British Breakfast Run-Pancakes in the Park

21st-DCTRA Meet at Scottsdale Pavilions

March 14th-DCTRA Garage Day

March 21st-22nd - Highland Games & British Auto Show

On-going events:

Saturday Night cruise @ Kmart, Power Rd & Hampton.

NEXT CLUB MEETING

(Second Tuesday of each month)

Tuesday, February 10, 2015

Business Meeting

Denny's Restaurant; 650 N Scottsdale Rd; Tempe, AZ 85281

Starts at 7:00 PM

Come at 6:00 PM to eat and socialize



Minutes

January 2015 DCTRA MEETING MINUTES

DCTRA Meeting Minutes – January 11, 2015

President John Nuss called the Annual Election Meeting to order at 1:25 PM at CLAIM JUMPERS RESTAURANT, ARIZONA MILLS, at which time the election of officers for 2015 will occur along with normal DCTRA business.

ATTENDEES: 50 total. 48 members and 2 visitors signed the attendance sheet in the order below. Boldface type indicates a TR was driven to the meeting. 17 TRs were driven to the meeting and one other Little British Car (LBC).

Members: Marlene and Virgil Cole, **Chris and George Durkin ('76 TR6)**, **Cheri and John Heisser (TR6)**, George and Charisse Montgomery, **John and Lila Truttman (TR6)**, **Dave and Bev Freet (1971 TR6)**, John and Beth Horton, Deta Hampsel and Lee Loftin, Patrick and Geraldine McDermott, **Ed and Peggy Jacobs (TR3)**, **Dave and Denine Muré (TR6)**, Bill and Sheryl Sharp, **Pat Griffin and Jeff Fairman ('69 TR6)**, Dennis Barnes, **Dave Fore ('76 TR6)**, **Gary and Janet Revis (TR4A)**, **Stu Lasswell (TR3)**, Dave and Evie Frisby, **Julian Anderson (Spitfire)**, **Gene Glenn (TR4A IRS)**, **John and Nancy Johnson (TR6)**, **Paul and Marla Dorman (TR7)**, Pete and Bev Peterson, **Armand LaCasse ('69 GT6+)**, **Ron Gurnee (TR7)**, Betsy Kavash, Ken Schmidt and Deborah Cooke, Mike Dolimpio (1973 Jensen Healey), **John and Kathy Nuss ('66 Spitfire)**.

Visitors: Judy Walsh, **Marla Dorman (arrived in a TR7)**

MINUTES from last meeting: No changes or corrections were made and the December 2014 meeting minutes moved by Armand, seconded by Stu and accepted as printed in the Triumph Trumpeter Newsletter.

TREASURER:

Ron Gurnee gave the Treasurer's Report in John Reynolds's absence, reporting receipts for membership renewals and providing the balances in the checking account. Ron also reported we received a letter from Fresh Start Women's Foundation thanking us for our donation.

MEMBERSHIP:

Bev Peterson reported we have 111 members, but 45 have not yet paid their dues (due January 1st). After talking with Bev about listing members not current with their dues in the next newsletter, I

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thought I'd repeat that our Bylaws define members as "those individuals who are current in dues. Payment of dues to DCTRA entitles the member to participate in all functions sponsored by the Club for that year. Membership shall be terminated automatically for failure to pay annual dues by March 31st of each year. Any member dropped from the rolls for non-payment will be reinstated as if they were a new member after payment of dues." Bev had renewal forms available to those present at the meeting.

NEWSLETTER:

George Montgomery thanked Ron Gurnee for arranging our Election Brunch and making it a success. It was a good job, good location and good food. Thank you Ron for a great event!

A.A.H.C:

There was no report from our representative on the Arizona Automobile Hobbyist Council. For more information see <http://www.arizonaautomobilehobbyistcouncil.com/>

EVENTS:

No report. In Matt Reynolds's absence, several members reported on any upcoming events they knew about including the Breakfast Run, Jan 18th by John and Beth Horton; the Highland Games March 20-21, 2015 at Indian Steele Park, where there is an opportunity to display your car on Saturday for free and enter a popular vote show on Sunday. The Sunday show is sponsored by the Caledonian Society of Arizona. John Horton announced his Garage Day and thought that he would have several during the year. Also, look for emails from Matt of upcoming events.

TECHNICAL:

Armand LaCasse gave his technical report via a "quiz" asking how many hose clamps are in a GT6. 8? 16? Try 28! Why bring this up? When was the last time you checked or thought about your clamps? 2008? They may need more attention than you think. Go check your clamps!

OLD BUSINESS:

This part is the purpose of our meeting - Election of Officers. John asked for any additional nominations and having none, read the nominees for the 2015 DCTRA Officers:

Stu Lasswell - President.

Matt Reynolds - Vice President

Betsy Kavash – Secretary

Kathy Nuss – Treasurer

John said the vote would be by affirmation or voice vote as allowed by our bylaws because there is only one nomination for each position. Bev moved to close the nominations; seconded by John Horton, who moved for the vote. Armand seconded. John Nuss called for a vote of the members. All members affirmed and none opposed. The new officers shall assume their duties after the vote is recorded. So recorded. The nominees are elected. Congratulations to our new officers!

NEW BUSINESS:

John Nuss offered an idea he's been toying with to recognize members for being active participants in the Club, such as recognition for driving a TR; organizing an event; serving on the board or other appointed position. He doesn't know exactly what it will be wondered if the Club would be interested.

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John Fairman made a motion in support of this idea; seconded by John Horton. John N. will present his proposal at the next club meeting.

Regalia:

We have Club Gear for sale. Tee shirt, grille badges, lapel pins, license plate holders, and polo and twill shirts. See Betsy for details. Orders for 4 tee shirts were taken and Betsy sold two grille badges at the meeting (79 left). Please consider purchasing a Grille Badge (\$25 ea.). Thank you. We also have a wooden base to display it on a shelf or table if you don't want to display it on your car.

Update on the Lapel Pins: Last month I reported we were out of lapel pins. Not so, we have 10 DCTRA lapel pins for sale at \$5 (we found some stashed away). Get your lapel pin while supplies last! Thank you.

AJOURN:

John Horton made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Ron and with no objection the meeting ended at 1:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Betsy Kavash
Secretary

February 2015 Membership Report:

NEW MEMBERS: Nothing new to be reported for January activity.

RENEWED:

Dues are \$18.00 per year with a discount for multiple year's subscriptions.
For membership information, contact: **PETE or BEV PETERSON**
at **480-488-4872** or email: **packratpete@gmail.com or bev@carefree.org**

Pete or Bev Peterson
DCTRA Membership
PO Box 3126
Carefree, AZ 85377

Application form on page 15

Oracle, Here We Came!

By John Nuss

(Ed's note: This article was written almost a year ago. There was no room at that time to squeeze it in. I thought timely now though. John might want to repeat it. Eh, John?)

Sunday morning the sky was a bit overcast but there were plenty of bright shiny faces and bright shiny Triumphs at the Starbucks in Mesa. Some guests from the Mini Club, Bob and Lynn Brown, along with Bob, Ron, Betsy, Marie, John, Lila, Stu, Deb, Dave, Evie, Kiwi, Matt, John, Cherie, Ed and Peggy. Some folks came by to wish us well- (who needs a windscreen) and we chatted with some of the local law enforcement community. We invited them to come along thinking we could get a police escort- sort of a get out of jail card, but they said they had to work. One did suggest a high speed chase would justify following us. But then how many would believe such a thing when a Spitfire is leading the pack. Turned out one the officers owns a Jenson Interceptor and a Jenson Healy.



Driver's Meeting

We avoided the Renaissance Festival traffic by driving south- there are some nice sweeping curves to the southeast- Schnepf Road, Attaway Road, Arizona Farms Road and south on Felix Road. The group stopped at the Chevron in Florence for rest and a retail therapy opportunity at the store just north of the station. On our reconnaissance trip earlier in the week Kathy and I bought some metal flowers- the kind rabbits can't eat these things.



The road south of Florence is well traveled and offers quick transport, OK scenery but not much excitement. We spent time at Nonna Maria's Restaurant in Oracle where we awarded some prizes for those that answered the questions from the driving instructions. John and Lila Truttman answered all correctly, Betsy and Marie, and Dave and Peggy missed only one question. Some of the questions would have been unanswered in the days before smart phones.

After lunch we headed north, toward Winkelman and then turned west on SR 177. This was the best part off the trip- steep grades, long sweeping turns. We stopped at the Ray Mine overlook and watched the mine truck haul copper ore. From the vantage point the trucks are really small and people are almost invisible. After the mine overlook everyone headed home.

Driving to last part into Superior we waved to the Dynamic MINI Collective drivers heading south while the rest of the Triumph collage returned at our own pace.

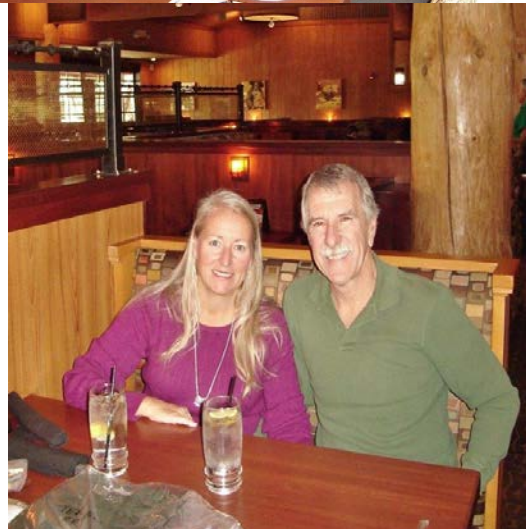
Election Brunch

by George M Montgomery

On the 11th of January our members met for an annual Election Brunch. In years past we met late morning for a late breakfast or early lunch. For the last few years, though, we've met at noon, but still call it a brunch. After a rigorous campaign for a single slate of officers outgoing President, John Nuss declared the slate closed and they were elected by a vote of acclamation.

For the some years our selection of venue for the brunch grew stagnant and attendance dwindled to a low of approximately 20 attendees. Sad for a club with membership of over 100. A couple of years ago our member, Ron Gurnee, decided that was enough. He search out and found an excellent restaurant to hold our election at Monti's La Casa Vieja. Attendance jumped to around 40. Unfortunately, after over 50 years Monte's closed their doors a week before our dinner. Not to worry though. Mr. Gurnee found another restaurant for us, Claim Jumper's also in Tempe. With a little a

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little promotion we had attendance of 50 members and guests. Way to go Ron. You may get the job next year too. Below are photos of our members dining and enjoying the camaraderie.



It's Groundhog Day!!



By George M Montgomery

Groundhog Day was first celebrated in this country as a Pennsylvania German custom in the southeastern and central portions of Pennsylvania during the 18th century. According to folklore, brought here from Europe, if it is cloudy when a groundhog emerges from its burrow on February 2nd, then spring will come early; if it is sunny and the groundhog sees his shadow and will retreat back into its burrow for six more weeks of winter. Modern customs of the holiday involve celebrations in the early morning to watch the groundhog emerge from its burrow, particularly in the northern parts of this country where an early spring can be a great relief from an especially hard winter. The largest Groundhog Day celebration is held in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, with Punxsutawney Phil. Groundhog Day, already a widely recognized and popular tradition,^[4] received widespread attention as a result of the 1993 film Groundhog Day starring Bill Murray.

Having originally come from a state that, while not having bitter cold winters as in our northern tier of states, winters were generally too cold for frequent top down touring. I did boast of daily driving my Spitfire throughout an Oklahoma winter, with the top down. A vested suit, lined overcoat, scarf, earmuffs, wool cap, fleece lined leather gloves and the tonneau over the passenger side helped a great deal. When spring time came it was with great celebration on my part. So, it is with great relish that I have always looked forward to Groundhog Day! Even though it may be anticlimactic here in the Phoenix Valley of Arizona where the winters are often in the 70*s and seldom in the 30*s.

I find it with amusement that this year the Great National Football League has chosen to honor Groundhog Day by celebrating Groundhog Day Eve with a football game that they want to call The Super Bowl. This Sunday evening when you are setting down to your bowl of Buffalo wings, pizza, chip and dip or whatever you like to enjoy with your pint of ale, toast one to that furry little guy that tries so hard to predict how soon the rest of the country can uncover their LBCs from a winter hibernation. When they can get back on the road for our enjoyment.

Here to you, Punxsutawney Phi!

CLASSIFIED ADS:

FOR SALE:

1970 MG Midget, no rust, excellent to restore, build an autocross car or at the very least great parts. Previous owner had significant engine work done, but has not run in over a year. Should start right up with clean gas and a minor tune up. Minilite style wheels, MGB oil cooler, Lots of extra parts including a new interior panel kit and manuals. I wish I had the time, car is worthy of good home. \$1700.00 obo. Please call or text Jeff Fairman, 602-206-5101.

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1 – 175-CD Stromberg, rebuilt by Palteck, micro polished throughout.....	\$ 275
1 – TR6 engine nut/bolt rebuild kit.....	\$ 30
1 – Heat shield, new	\$ 15
1 – Used TR6 Steering Wheel.....	\$ 10
1 – Rubber Boot #680-100.....	\$ 5
2 - New drive shaft, gaiter covers #680-105.....	\$ 10

Wayne "Kiwi" Treloar (480) 986-1268

CLASSIFIED ADS: continued

FOR SALE: 1965 Triumph Herald

I was DCTRA newsletter editor from December 1992 until January 1998. Yeah, it was/is a great little car. I'm still not sure about selling it but I've got a TR3 that should be done later this year and I haven't driven the Herald since I put it in storage 10 years ago. Its powder blue, 1965, put aftermarket carb and headers on it to get a little more oomph out of it but I have all the old parts. Won the Judges Special Award at Triumphest in 1994. But, like I said it's been in storage for 10 years. I was figuring on asking \$3000 for it. Now reduced to \$1,950. John Lindly.



DCTRA Club Meeting location:

Note that regular Meeting locations are on the second Tuesday of the Month:



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John Reynolds, Treasurer
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(as you would like it to appear in the roster)

Address: _____

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Home Cel

Email Address: _____

Triumph(s) Owned:

Year	Model	Commission #
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Year	Model	Commission #
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Year	Model	Commission #
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Other British car(s) owned:

Year	Make/Model
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NOTE: if this membership is for a couple – do both members plan to attend meetings/events and require a name tag?

☐

YES

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NO

If NO - name wanted on tag: _____

Dues: \$18/year (due January 1st)

NEW MEMBERS: dues are prorated for the first year at \$1.50 per month.

REDUCED FEES: \$34/2 years OR \$50/3 years

Websites

Desert Centre-Triumph Register of America
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Triumph Sports Car Club of San Diego	http://clubs.hemmings.com/sandiegotriumph
Portland Triumph Owners Association	www.portlandtriumph.org
Tyee Triumph Club(Seattle)	www.tyee.triumph.org
British Columbia Triumph Registry	www.3.telus.net/bc_triumph_registry
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British Motor Heritage Group	www.heritage-motor-centre.co.uk
6-Pack –USA Club for TR6/TR250 Owners	www.6-pack.org
Okanagan British Car Club (B.C.)	www.obcc.ca
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